Arkansas Code Annotated (Criminal Offenses)

5-71-212. Public Intoxication.

(a) A person commits the offense of public intoxication if he appears in a public place manifestly under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance to the degree and under circumstances such that he is likely to endanger himself or other persons or property, or that he unreasonably annoys persons in his vicinity.

(b) Public intoxication is a Class C misdemeanor.

(c) A person commits the offense of drinking in public if that person consumes any alcoholic beverages in any public place, on any highway, or street, or upon any passenger coach, streetcar, or in or upon any vehicle commonly used for the transportation of passengers, or in or about any depot, platform, waiting station or room, or other public place other than a place of business licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.

(d) Drinking in public is a Class D misdemeanor.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit or restrict the consumption of alcoholic beverages when consumed as a part of a recognized religious ceremony or ritual.